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Born and raised in Charleston, SC, and a graduate of Hampton University in Virginia, Greene studied business administration at New York University and the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Banking and Finance. During Greene's service in the Army, he received the Army Commendation Medal for exceptional service. He was discharged with the rank of captain and is now a major in the Army Reserves. He received an honorary doctor of commercial science degree from St. John's University, Jamaica, NY, on May 24, 1992.

Greene is an active member of the communities in which he lives and works—as an elder in the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Jamaica, NY; as a member of the New York Hampton University Alumni Association, the Omega Psi Phi fraternity, One Hundred Black Men, Inc., and of the President's Council of the Museum of the city of New York. He has received numerous honors and awards from fraternity, religious, social, service, business, and educational groups.

In addition to his stellar professional experience, Greene takes tremendous pride in his family. He is married to the lovely M. Virginia Lea. This dynamic couple is blessed with two children, Cheryll and Richard, Jr., and three grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, Richard Greene is an exceptional man and worthy of this body's recognition.

#### REPUBLICANS ARE NOT CUTTING MEDICARE

(Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland. Madam Speaker, I was a teacher for 24 years. These is a prescription for success in teaching. It is summarized, "Repetition is the soul of learning," and it works even better if you say the same thing in different ways. It works wonders in our schools. Perhaps it will work here. Listen up on the other side of the aisle.

Republicans are not cutting Medicare. The average recipient receives \$4,800 now. In 2002 they will receive \$6,700. Where is the cut?

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#### STILL NO REPUBLICAN MEDICARE REFORM PLAN

(Mr. DOGGETT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DOGGETT. Madam Speaker, if the gentleman is not cutting Medicare, why could he not get his plan out here? I learned yesterday that it will be at least another 2 months, until September 22, before we get the details of the Republican plan. They can put charts up. They had wavy graphs yesterday to try to confuse the American people. But the bottom line is that they are going to reach in the pockets of American seniors and they are going to pull out \$1 for every \$4 that would be paid under existing law with reference to Medicare.

That means that the Republicans think our seniors are not having to pay enough for their health care at the present time, because the second part of their plan, as revealed not by them but by the newspapers this week, is that they think seniors should be discouraged from getting Medigap insurance; that they are not having to pay enough; that they do not have enough incentive to not make use of health care under existing law.

Yes, they are MediScared. They are MediScared to tell the American people the truth about their changes, and that is why we are not getting the plan today. That is why we have to wait 2 months, because they are MediScared to tell the American seniors that it is their pocket that is going to be picked.

#### TOUGH DECISIONS NEEDED TO STRENGTHEN MEDICARE

(Mr. HAYWORTH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HAYWORTH. Madam Speaker, my good friend from Texas can be answered with another question: Where is your plan? Have the courage to come forward and accept what the trustees of the Medicare trust fund have told us, what three Cabinet-level officials in President Clinton's own Cabinet have told us, that Medicare goes broke in 7 years if we fail to do anything.

Friends, we are not out to scare the American people, unlike my friend from Texas. We are here to make tough decisions, to strengthen and save Medicare.

So, yes, we do have to work out the details. We invite our friends to join us. But, once again, instead of joining us and stepping up to the plate and helping us govern, they would rather whine and complain and try to scare the American people.

That old formula no longer works. It is time for bold new leadership to save

Medicare, and this majority is committed to finding the answer.

#### TAKING EXCEPTION TO PLAN TO SAVE MEDICARE

(Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today, and I am glad my colleague from Arizona talked about it, to take exception with the Republican plan to save Medicare. Only in Washington can they say that they are going to save Medicare and cut \$270 billion, and then give a \$245 billion tax cut. They are telling the American people they are saving the system.

Well, that does not play in Houston, TX. Maybe it plays in Arizona. We are smarter than that. I have a letter from a senior citizen in my district. She had an ear infection and went to an HMO, which is what they want to force senior citizens to go to. She had to wait 2 months before she could see a doctor for an ear infection. That is a long time to have your ear hurt.

I think the Republicans are moving too fast when they talk about even waiting until September to change senior citizen health care to managed care. Still they want to give that \$245 billion tax cut and cut \$270 billion in growth in Medicare.

Only in Washington can somebody get away with saying we are saving the system, but we are cutting \$270 billion.

#### PORKER OF THE WEEK AWARD

(Mr. HEFLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HEFLEY. Madam Speaker, I would like to tell you about the National Institutes of Health and its multimillion-dollar grant to the University of Colorado. This multimillion-dollar grant is not for cancer research, as one might expect, or for AIDS research, or aid to children in developing countries, or for juvenile diabetes, or any of the things you might think this kind of money would go for. But what it is for is to study why people get fat.

Now, it does not take this kind of money, it does not take any money, to figure out what will result from too many trips to the refrigerator. In fact, you could spend a fortune just buying the magazines and books that contain the already countless studies on this subject. Thousands of them have been done.

Sure, it does appear that there is a certain medical explanation for some obesity, but most of the studies seem to indicate that the way you eat and the way you exercise explains most of the problem.

It is ironic that this study is being done in Colorado, which has the lowest percentage of overweight people in the Nation.

So the National Institutes of Health gets my porker of the week award this week.

#### UNCONSTITUTIONAL POWER OF IRS

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Madam Speaker, only the IRS can conduct an audit of your financial records without a warrant. Only the IRS can levy penalties without a court order. Only the IRS can seize your bank account without a judgment. Only the IRS can actually take your home, take your home, without due process.

Now, if that is not enough to tax your 1040, check this out: When you decide to fight this pack of bullies, you go to court, Tax Court, with the IRS; you are considered guilty and have to prove yourself innocent.

Beam me up. Ladies and gentlemen, there is only one reason for the unconstitutional power of the Internal Revenue Service: The Congress of the United States of America. Think about it. I yield back the balance of these taxes.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair would remind people in the gallery they should not express approval or disapproval during the proceedings.

#### GOVERNMENT DOES NOT NEED ANOTHER NEW BUILDING

(Mr. SANFORD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SANFORD. Madam Speaker, late last night we had the debate on an amendment that I proposed to prevent the construction of yet another Washington office building, this one being \$40 million and in size 350,000 square feet. For those of my colleagues who were wisely asleep at the hour, I would say it still makes a lot of sense for a couple reasons.

First, GSA already controls 644 million square feet of office space in the United States. That is the equivalent of all the office space in New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, and Houston combined. Do we need another office building?

Second, even if it is the right thing to do, now is not the right time to do it. That is why the National Capital Planning Commission said "No, don't do it, wait until after the farm bill."

Third, it is what the budget asks for.

Fourth, it is what National Taxpayers Union and Citizens for a Sound Economy think to be a good idea.

#### CONGRESS SHOULD BE MORE FAMILY FRIENDLY

(Mr. ROEMER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROEMER. Madam Speaker, last night we worked here in the House of Representatives well past midnight, and last night is no different from any other night from January 4, when we went into session. Fifty-four percent of the time we have adjourned after 9 o'clock at night since January 4.

Now, for the first 3 months we expected that. We knew working on the contract we would have late nights. But Speaker GINGRICH said on his first day here on the floor, right behind me, "We are going to set schedules we stick to so families can count on time together."

Now, Madam Speaker, the only time we see our families is when we take a picture of them out of our wallets and look at the frayed pictures.

I think that we need predictable schedules. We want to work hard. We have been in more than 300 hours over last year at this time. We need predictability. Let us have one night a week that we are out by 6 p.m. and have it predictable. Let us roll votes, and let us make sure we come in and start work at 8 o'clock in the morning for 1 minutes. I think that is the hour that America starts to work.

#### THE ISTOOK, MCINTOSH, AND ERHLICH AMENDMENT

(Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak in favor of efforts to reform our grant-making process—specifically, the Istook, McIntosh, and Ehrlich legislation.

I join my colleagues in believing that we engage in a dangerous enterprise when Government selectively subsidizes particular interests and lobbying organizations. It raises a question about the fundamental integrity and impartiality of Government.

What this legislation addresses is the fact that certain groups have simultaneously enjoyed the advantages of exemption from tax payments and the statutory right to spend an unlimited amount on lobbying Congress. This is wrong and has led to a mistrust of Government by the American people.

Ordinary citizens do not enjoy all of these benefits simultaneously and this kind of preferential treatment can only serve to maximize the influence and power of certain privileged lobbying groups at the expense of the people we were elected to serve. In my view, organizations should have to choose between being tax-exempt, self-interested lobbying organizations or administrators of Federal grants.

#### TRICKLE-DOWN ALREADY PROVEN UNWORKABLE

(Mr. KLINK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KLINK. Madam Speaker, back in the 1980's Republican Ronald Reagan told us decrease taxes for the wealthy, investment will go up, wealth will trickle down, America will prosper.

The wealthy did keep more. They invested it overseas and our jobs followed. Industrial America began to disappear.

Just over a decade later, they are at it again, saying decrease taxes for the wealthy, \$245 billion, pay for it by cutting Medicare \$270 billion, by cutting Medicaid \$170 billion; let's cut back school lunches, student loans, WIC, Head Start.

Madam Speaker, fool America once, shame on you. Fool us twice, shame on America. Only in Washington, DC, could people on the other side of the aisle say they are saving Medicare by cutting \$270 billion out of it.

It reminds me again of the officer in Vietnam who said we saved the village by burning it to the ground. The Republicans are going to save Medicare and Medicaid by burning that to the ground, and our senior citizens are going to be the victims.

#### PRIVATIZATION SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED

(Mr. CHRISTENSEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CHRISTENSEN. Madam Speaker, I encourage all of my fellow Nebraskans to call and write often. I listen to what they have to say, and I am often persuaded by what they write.

Last week I received this postcard, which perhaps is the most persuasive that I have ever received. In this bag, Madam Speaker, is a note from a constituent regarding the privatization of the post office. This note was saying why we should not privatize the post office. But you see, this note came in what the post office calls as body bag. It comes with discarded mail, and they put it in here and say "We care."

Well, it is quite ironic that this kind of mail would come in this form and fashion, and the message in it would be not to privatize the post office.

Madam Speaker, in light of this, I want to encourage the continued privatization ideas that are coming forth in the 104th Congress. I want to continue to expand and look beyond at how we can make this a more efficient, a more better run Government.

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#### MEDISCARE

(Mrs. SCHROEDER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)